Funds for upgradation of national highways

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of Rs. 1,526.57 crore released by Government for upgradation of national highways, States have utilized only Rs. 279.22 crore during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, whether out of Rs. 632.74 crore released by Central Government for maintenance of highways, States have utilized only Rs. 178.96 crore;

(c) if so, the main reasons for poor performance of States for not utilizing fully amount for developing National Highways and also not fully utilizing the repairs work; and

(d) the States that have failed to advice and what action has been taken against those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The funds released to the States and utilized by them for development/ upgradation of National Highways and maintenance & repair thereof during the year 2005-2006 are as under:

Scheme	(Rs. in crore)		
	Release	Expenditure (upto 31/10/2005)	%
Development/upgradation of National highways	1422.50	761.78	53.55
Maintenance & Repair of National Highways	664.24	289.66	43.60

(c) The expenditures as mentioned above are only for the period April-October, 2005 which includes rainy seasons. As the working seasons starts to November of the year the performance achieved so far is considered to be poor.

(d) Does not arise.